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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in view of that amendment and the remarks presented below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.